

R E P O R T
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
T O W N O F M E D F I E L D ,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1857.

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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of Medfield respectfully present the following report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the year ending February 28, 1857.

THE TREASURER HAS RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:

Cash—Balance in the Treasury, March 3, 1856,.....	\$946 04
Of Trustees of School Fund, (interest,).....	225 61
Town's proportion of State School Fund,.....	37 21
Pedler's Licenses,.....	6 00
Drawn for Removing Snow, not claimed (1856),.....	2 44
E. L. Ward, in part for Rent Town Farm,.....	150 00
C. Hamant, in full for Taxes—commitment 1854,.....	160 30
M. Bailey, in part for Taxes—commitment 1855,.....	393 28
M. Bailey, in part for Taxes—commitment 1856,.....	2494 72
D. Hamant, balance Tax, Highway—commitment 1856,.....	2 63
Amounting to.....	<u>\$4418 23</u>
Amount of Payments,.....	<u>4055 81</u>
Balance in the Treasury, February 28, 1857,.....	\$362 42

PAYMENTS BY THE TREASURER.

Cash paid for interest on note due School Fund,.....	\$33 99
Interest on note due Heirs of Seth Ellis,.....	30 00
State Treasurer for State Tax,.....	480 00
Medway, taxes on land—1856,.....	3 95

Cash paid Walpole, taxes on land—1856,.....	\$2 98
T. S. Clark, on account of S. School District Tax,.....	150 00
S. Ellis, for use of Vestry one year—1855,.....	20 00
J. A. Fairbanks, for entertainment of Town Officers,.....	3 75
J. W. Adams, for 5-8 bushels of Flax Seed,.....	2 70
I. Fiske, for Trunk,	1 75
Advertising Town Farm,.....	1 00
Cox & Hutchins, for printing Tax Bills,.....	3 00
Cox & Hutchins, for printing Reports, 1855,.....	32 25
W. Colburn, for advice in pauper case,.....	1 00
Clark & Leatherbee, for lumber for bridge,.....	11 10
John A. Turner, for carting lumber,.....	4 00
C. C. Sewall, for lumber and carting—1854,	10 30
C. C. Sewall, for writing lease of Town Farm,	1 50
W. C. Allen, for Guide Posts,.....	1 25
A. P. Kingsbury, for setting railings on highways—1855,.....	3 25
Engine Company, for poll taxes,—1855,.....	45 00
W. M. Grant, for care of Engine—1855,.....	6 00
W. P. Hewins, for repairs on Engine House,.....	3 04
W. P. Hewins, for 5 gallons of Oil for Engine,.....	7 50
W. P. Hewins, for Oil Can,.....	2 00
Isaac Fiske, for Oil and Nails,.....	43
Sundry persons, bounty on Rattlesnakes,.....	7 00
W. Janes, damages suffered on highway,—1854,.....	15 00
Abatement of Taxes, sundry persons,—1854,.....	24 00
Abatement of Taxes, sundry persons,—1855,.....	39 91
Abatement of Taxes, sundry persons,—1856,.....	11 91
Abatement of Taxes, S. School District,—1855,.....	5 37
Hospital, for board of Mrs. Leland, 1 year, to Dec. 1, 1855,.....	141 07
Hospital, for board of Mrs. Leland, 1 year, to Dec. 1, 1856,.....	157 66
G. Newell, for board of R. Wight,.....	97 00
H. Kingsbury, for board of R. Wight,.....	25 50
L. Morse, for board of Sally Morse,.....	63 00
E. L. Ward, for board of George Turner,.....	87 75
James F. Carey, for board of Wm. Tibbett's child,.....	25 47
Expenses in aiding Mrs. P. Keenon,.....	10 00
J. A. Turner, for clothing for George Turner,	7 41
Assistance to transient persons.....	4 12
Nursing R. Wight,	3 00
Funeral expenses of R. Wight,.....	8 83
J. S. Gallup, for medical attendance on R. Wight,.....	29 50
C. C. Sewall, for services as Clerk and Treasurer,—1855,.....	25 00
C. C. Sewall for services on School Committee—1855,.....	18 00
C. C. Sewall, for services in attending Com., Legislature,.....	3 00
R. D. Burr, for services as School Committee—1855,.....	14 00
B. F. Shumway, for services as Assessor, Overseer and Selectman,	28 50
B. F. Shumway, for stationery and postage,.....	3 73
G. Fiske, for services as Assessor, Overseer and Selectman,.....	15 25
J. A. Turner, for services as Assessor, Overseer and Selectman,...	14 50

Cash paid C. Hamant, for services as Collector of Taxes—1854,.....	\$50 00
Cole & Smith, balance for making road,.....	200 00
D. Hamant, for repairing Highway to Walpole Plains,.....	21 87
E. L. Ward, for extra labor on Town Farm.....	2 00
O. Wight, for removing snow,—1855,.....	28 12
H. P. Bruce, for removing snow—1855,.....	13 27
Wm. C. Allen, for removing snow,—1856-7,.....	206 44
M. Bailey, for removing snow—1855-6,.....	20 65
R. W. Sherman, for removing snow—1855,.....	19 48
Alfred Clark, for removing snow—1856-7,.....	144 86
Luther Guild, for removing snow—1856,.....	9 37
J. R. Smith, for removing snow—1856,.....	6 37
T. S. Clark, for removing snow—1856-7,.....	91 25
D. P. Russell, for removing snow—1856-7,.....	82 28
D. Hamant, for removing snow—1856-7,.....	73 13
F. S. Wight, for removing snow—1856-7,.....	46 09
J. E. Bullard, for painting hearse house and guide boards,.....	16 99
Cushman & Baker, for wagon wheel,.....	6 75
Cushman & Baker, for ballot boxes,.....	1 50
M. B. H. Bishop, for posts and rails for Town Farm,.....	9 60
Grass Seed, for Town Farm,.....	15 56
N. H. Cheney, for shoeing oxen,.....	1 13
Overseers of Poor, expenses of Town Farm,.....	19 08
Overseers of Poor, for hay bought for Town Farm,.....	15 75
L. Harding, bill for sawing,.....	2 46
John A. Turner, for returns of deaths,.....	1 90
J. R. Smith, for labor on South School House and grounds,.....	14 57
M. Bailey for repairs on Centre School House,.....	35 15
H. F. Bullard, for warning School District meeting,.....	3 00
C. Hamant, for note due from South School District,.....	68 09
Discount on taxes, sundry persons, as per vote of Town,.....	101 58

SCHOOLS.

NORTH DISTRICT.

Cash paid W. F. Copeland, for teaching,.....	\$154 00
Abby S. Fiske, for teaching,.....	119 00
Sawing and splitting wood,.....	14 62
G. W. Bruce, for attending fires,.....	5 00
O. Wight, for wood,.....	21 64

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Cash paid B. F. Clark, for teaching,.....	\$184 00
S. B. Fiske, for teaching,.....	76 00
B. L. Adams, for teaching,.....	94 50
A. A. Bullard, for teaching,.....	63 00
M. Bailey, for wood and cutting,.....	20 94
M. Bailey, for making fires and procuring teachers,.....	6 55
M. & S. Richardson, share of school money,.....	8 46

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Cash paid G. H. Woods, for teaching,.....	\$104 00
Anna M. French, for teaching,.....	42 00
M. Gilmore, for boarding teacher,.....	28 00
F. Ellis, for wood, brooms, &c.	19 06
N. S. District in Wrentham, proportion of school money, as per vote of the Town, for 1853-4-5,.....	19 53
Whole amount of payments,.....	\$4055 81

THE TOWN IS INDEBTED AS FOLLOWS:

Cash due to School Fund,.....	\$566 53
Interest on the same,.....	33 99
On Note to Heirs of Seth Ellis,.....	500 00
North School District,.....	254 10
South School District,.....	356 83
South School District, balance of tax,.....	165 57
Centre School District,.....	555 48
Support of Paupers to February 28, 1857,	100 75
Unpaid orders,.....	13 87
Amounting to.....	\$2547 12

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury, February 28, 1857,.....	\$362 42
Income of School Fund, due March 1, 1857,.....	225 61
E. L. Ward, for rent of town farm,.....	50 00

Due from Centre School District, for repairs,.....	79 00
Note of hand,.....	10 00
Taxes uncollected for 1855,.....	12 38
Taxes uncollected for 1856,.....	507 79
Due from C. Hamant, error in commitment for 1854,.....	96 64

Amounting to..... \$1343 84

Liabilities exceed resources,..... \$1203 28

TOWN FARM.

Appraisal of Hay and Stock, April 1, 1854,.....	\$299 00
Appraisal of Hay and Stock, April 1, 1856,.....	323 00
Excess of appraisal 1856 over 1854,.....	\$24 00

RECEIPTS BY OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Received of A. Morse, rent in full,.....	\$114 00
Town Treasurer,.....	17 35
B. Curtis, for Oxen,	125 00
Russell & Kingsbury, for Hay,.....	28 82
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	\$285 17

PAYMENTS.

Paid A. Morse, excess of appraisal,.....	\$24 00
A. Morse, for board of George Turner,.....	14 00
A. Morse, for Tobacco,	17
Shumway & Adams, for appraising.....	2 00
For 2 pair Oxen,.....	245 00
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	\$285 17

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS—1856.

Appropriation by Town, 1856,.....	\$800 00
Interest on School Fund,.....	225 61
Town's proportion of State Fund,.....	37 21
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	\$1062 82

DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

North School District, 58 families,.....	\$283 40
Centre School District, 131 families,	529 77
South School District, 48 families,.....	249 65
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	\$1062 82

B. F. SHUMWAY, }
 GEORGE FISKE, } SELECTMEN OF MEDFIELD.
 JOHN A. TURNER, }

The undersigned has examined the foregoing accounts, and has found them to be correctly reported and properly vouched.

If a more particular specification of the items is desired, reference may be had to the original bills and receipts on file, in the hands of the Selectmen.

It will be seen that the Town is paying interest on more than a thousand dollars, and is in debt more than twelve hundred; to which may be added sums nearly due for services rendered in the collection of taxes, as School Committee, Treasurer, &c.,—making the actual debt not far from thirteen hundred and fifty dollars.

The inventory of the property of the Town, as per Assessors' records, amounts to \$571,908.

Why should we increase our annual expenses by the payment of *interest*, when we have abundant means to cancel the debt?

It will also be seen that \$101.58 has been paid for discount on taxes, the effect of which is only to increase the next annual grant in the same amount, while, it is believed, no particular advantage has been gained.

CHARLES HAMANT, AUDITOR.

MEDFIELD, FEB. 28, 1857.